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SUBJECT: LARDINOIS SPEECH ON EC-CAP GRAIN POLICIES

1. LARDINOIS SPOKE FEBRUARY 6 IN PARIS AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY LARGEST FRENCH COOP (GROUP MACMAHON) ON SUBJECT EC GRAIN POLICIES. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY HIS MAJOR POINTS.

2. PRICE POLICY 1967-72 A PERIOD FAVORABLE TO PRODUCERS, 1972-74 A PERIOD FAVORABLE TO CONSUMERS WHICH HE BELIEVES HAS ELEVATED THE GENERAL REPUTATION OF CAP IN CON-

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SUMER MINDS.

3. CALLED PRESENT PRICE NEGOTIATIONS MOST DIFFICULT TO DATE BECAUSE OF DIFFERING INFLATION RATES IN MEMBER COUNTRIES. ONE REASON FOR COMMISSION PROPOSAL TO ELIMINATE "MONTANTS COMPENSATOIRES." ALSO STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF RESTORING MARKET UNITY BROKEN DOWN BY MONETARY PROBLEMS. SAID HE COULD AGREE TO NATIONAL FISCAL AND SOCIAL MEASURES TO AID AG INCOMES PROVIDED THEY CONFORM TO ROME TREATY.

3. LARDINOIS STATED THIS YEAR JUSTIFIED A LARGE PRICE INCREASE FOR CEREALS--10 PERCENT--FOR REASON OF SECURITY OF SUPPLIES. HE ALSO FAVORS A CHANGE IN PRICE RELATIONSHIPS IN FAVOR OF CORN. BECAUSE OF BEEF SURPLUSES HE DOES NOT AGREE WITH GOF POSITION TO IMPROVE PRICE RELATIONSHIPS THIS YEAR IN FAVOR OF LIVESTOCK.

4. MONTHLY INCREASES FOR GRAINS WILL BE HIGHER NEXT YEAR BUT THERE WILL BE NO END-OF-SEASON PRICE INCREASES.

5. FRENCH CEREAL SPOKESMEN AT THIS ASSEMBLY WERE VERY CRITICAL THAT COMMISSION DID NOT ENCOURAGE LARGER EXPORTS WHEAT WHEN WORLD PRICES WERE HIGHER. IN RESPONSE LARDINOIS POINTED OUT THAT THERE REMAINED ONLY SMALL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR EXPORT AT PRESENT AFTER MEETING FOOD-AID COMMITMENTS.

6. EC SHOULD DEVELOP POLICY ON NEW HIGH YIELDING WHEAT VARIETIES OF LOWER BAKING QUALITIES. HE TOLD HIS AUDIENCE HE IS OPEN TO THEIR PROPOSALS.

7. ON GRAIN RESERVES, HE STATED THAT EC IS NET IMPORTER BUT IT WILL TAKE ITS JUST ROLE IN CARRYING RESERVES.

8. LARDINOIS ALSO NOTED HIS SUPPORT FOR LONG TERM CONTRACTS NOT ONLY FOR CEREALS BUT ALSO FOR DAIRY PRODUCTS.
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